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KUWAIT PASS DOHA AND MUSCAT

FOLLOWING REPEAT TEHRAN 8061 ACTION SECSTATE 24 SEPTEMBER.

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 8061

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, IR

SUBJ: GUIDANCE FOR MEETING WITH AMOUZEGAR

1. DEP ASST SECY SOBER HAS APPOINTMENT TO CALL ON GOI MINISTER JAMSHID AMOUZEGAR MORNING SEPTEMBER 25 DURING WHICH WE BELIEVE AMOUZEGAR IS LIKELY TO REFER TO RECENT DETROIT AND UNGA SPEECHES BY PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY RESPECTIVELY IN WHICH THEY MENTION OIL PRICING PROBLEM. SOME ELEMENTS OF PRESS HERE HAVE ALREADY CHARGED THAT USG IS SEEKING TO FORM CONSUMERS' BLOC TO CONFRONT OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES. (SIMILAR CHARGE WAS VOICED BY KUWAIT OIL MINISTER ATEEQI IN CONVERSATION WITH SOBER SEPTEMBER 23, WHICH IS CONFIDENTIAL

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BEING REPORTED BY EMB KUWAIT.)

2. IF THIS MATTER IS RAISED, SOBER PROPOSES TO SAY THAT PRESIDENT'S AND SECRETARY'S REMARKS SHOULD IN NO WAY BE INTERPRETED AS OUR SEEKING A CONFRONTATION WITH OIL PRODUCERS ALTHOUGH THEY DO REFLECT EXISTENCE OF SERIOUS PROBLEM WHICH CANNOT BE SWEEPED UNDER TABLE AND WHICH DESERVES URGENT ATTENTION BY ALL COUNTRIES CONCERNED; OUR VIEW IS NOT ON NEED FOR CONFRONTATION BUT FOR CONSTRUCTIVE ATTENTION WITH A VIEW TO AVERTING POTENTIALLY GRAVE CONSEQUENCES FOR AN INTERDEPENDENT WORLD ECONOMY.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY GUIDANCE THIS MATTER, TO BE RECEIVED BY OPENING OF BUSINESS SEPTEMBER 25.
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